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SOMERS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 117 SOMERS MONTANA 59932 April 24, 1988

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Mr. Roy A. Wells, P.E. Environmental Engineer Water Quality Bureau Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Cogswell Building Helena, MT. 59620

Dear Roy:

Re: Compliance Notification for April 15, 1988 Health Advisory Update - Somers Water District

The Health Advisory update was received April 19, 1988 with distribution started that evening. Final distribution was completed the evening of April 22, 1988. Also a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Somers Post Office replacing the notice issued on June 29, 1987. Enclosed is a copy of the April 15, 1988 Health Advisory Update, Somers Water District, that I personally delivered to all residences receiving bottled water.

Sincerely,

Morey D Grove Operator

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cc: Stephanie Wallace, EPA, Helena



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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SOMERS WATER DISTRICT HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

The following is issued to update the public concerning two notices that have been in effect for water provided by the Somers Water District.

Notice, effective December 23, 1987

This printed notice was distributed to homes which were considered candidates for having received contaminated water when a water line to the tie plant broke for the second time in 1987. Both bacteriological and chemical contamination could have occurred. These homes are currently being served with bottled water.

Samples taken from homes receiving bottled water indicate that the water from the distribution system is bacteriologically safe for use. The results of the chemical tests on those samples were inconclusive. This requires that sampling and testing for chemical contamination be repeated. It is planned to resample during the week of April 17, 1988.

As a consequence, this <u>notice remains in effect</u> for water used for drinking and cooking until further notice. The water may, however, be safely used for food washing, dishwashing and bathing unless it exhibits a creosote odor or a sheen. If this occurs, the Water District should be notified immediately. Bottled water should continue to be used for drinking and cooking.

Health Advisory, effective June 1, 1986

This printed notice was issued to advise the public that the water system was vulnerable to contamination by the <u>Giardia</u> parasite. Nothing has changed with regard to this problem although there are plans for correction.

As a consequence, this <u>advisory remains in effect</u>. It continues to be recommended that water used for drinking or cooking be boiled.